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The Office Action issued February 10, 2004 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner in charge of this application, Mr. Nicholas D. Lucchesi, for the courtesy and cooperation he extended applicant's undersigned counsel during the telephone interview kindly granted on or about February 25, 2004. During this telephone conference, applicant's counsel informed the Examiner that he would like to supplement the disclosure with drawings and text from applicant's pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/678,931 which is referred to on page 3, lines 8-10 of this application. The Examiner agreed to consider such an amendment under the guidelines of MPEP §608.01(p).

It is noted that MPEP §2163.07(b) states "replacing the identified material incorporated by reference with the actual text is not new matter."

Accordingly, Figs. 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the aforementioned '931 application have been added to this present application as Figs. 1-4, respectively. Further, the specification at page 3, line 11, and the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section have been augmented with the description of these four figures.

It is respectfully submitted that the addition of these figures and text are now adequate to enable the reader to fully understand the subject matter of the present invention as well as the invention itself.

Originally filed Figs. 1-5 of this application have been renumbered as Fig. 5-9. The reference to these original figures in the specification has been amended to conform to these new figure numbers. In addition, all of the informalities kindly noted in the Office Action have been corrected, as were other informalities which appeared in the original text. As the Examiner will note, some of these informalities have been overcome by the addition of Figs. 1-4 and the accompanying text on page 3 of the specification.

A copy of all the figures of this application, with the sheet numbers and figure numbers amended in red, is

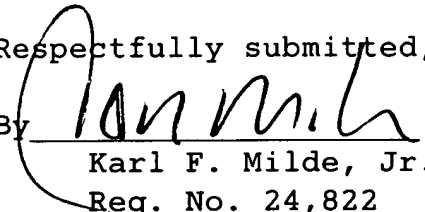
enclosed. Approval of their entry is respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns a mechanism, usable with any type of weight lifting exercise equipment, which readily converts the movement ratio of the equipment between 1.1 and 2:1. As the Examiner will note, especially from Figs. 5 and 7A, this is accomplished by providing a pulley 7 and cable 15.1 with a mechanism 1, 2 and 4 for locking in, or locking out, this mechanism.

There being no further outstanding issues in this application, this application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. A formal Notice of Allowance is accordingly respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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